

The Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts, Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Corps of Fire Chaplains, and the Department of Fire Services encourage the fire departments in Massachusetts to hold Remembrance Ceremonies in their respective communities simultaneously with the Memorial Service being conducted in Charleston, South Carolina, for the nine fallen firefighters.

June 22, 2007
Recommended Plan of Events

9:45 A.M. - Apparatus roll out of bays to appropriate location in front of station.

9:55 A.M. All available fire department personnel and any guests assemble at attention in front of apparatus and maintain silence.

10:00 A.M. - Ring Bell 5 – 5 – 5 (3 sets of 5 chimes each)
Note: some stations may not have bells and may opt for
- local church bells
- sound sirens for 1 minute

1 minute of complete silence

Firefighters' Prayer by Chaplain, local minister or in their absence by any fire department member (see attached)

Ranking Officer for a Hand Salute

Return to service

Chief Kenneth Willette, President
Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts

Robert B. McCarthy, President
Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts

The Reverend Lawrence Provenzano, Chief Chaplain
Massachusetts Corps of Fire Chaplains

Stephen D. Coan
State Fire Marshal

Firefighters' Prayer:

When I am called to duty, wherever flames may rage, give me the strength to save a life, whatever be its age. Help me embrace a little child before it is too late, or save an older person from the horror of that fate. Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout, and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out. I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me, to guard my every neighbor and protect his property. And if according to God's will, I must answer death's call, bless with your protecting hand, my family, one and all. AMEN.